

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

Petitioner,

v.

CASE NO. 2010-16029

A. NORMAN GOLDWASSER, Ph.D.

Respondent.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

COMES NOW the Petitioner, Department of Health, by and through its undersigned counsel, and files this Administrative Complaint before the Board of Psychology (hereinafter Board) against A. Norman Goldwasser, Ph.D., and alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state department charged with regulating the practice of Psychology pursuant to section 20.43, Florida Statutes; Chapter 456, Florida Statutes; and Chapter 490, Florida Statutes.
2. Respondent is, and has been at all times material hereto, a licensed psychologist in the State of Florida, having been issued license number PY4605 on or about December 16, 1991.
3. Respondent's address of record is 975 Arthur Godfrey Road Suite 308, Miami Beach, Florida 33140.

4. Case number 2004-27669, Department of Health ("Department") v. A. Norman Goldwasser, Ph.D., was filed by the Department on or about November 27, 2007.

5. Thereafter, the parties entered into a Settlement Agreement to resolve the case.

6. Paragraph five of the Settlement Agreement required Respondent to complete and document to the Board, a minimum of 12 hours of continuing education units ("CEUs") in an area or areas chosen by the Board, within one year of the filing of the final order adopting and incorporating the terms of the Settlement Agreement. Further, it was specifically articulated that: "These continuing education hours shall be in addition to the continuing education hours normally required for renewal of Respondent's license. Home study courses will not be accepted to satisfy this condition unless specifically authorized by the Board." (e.s.)

7. On or about May 13, 2009, Final Order number DOH-09-0888-S-MQA issued in case number 2004-27669, Department of Health vs. A. Norman Goldwasser, Ph.D.

8. The Final Order reflects that the Board accepted the Settlement Agreement reached between the Department and Respondent and ordered Respondent to abide by the terms of the Settlement Agreement. With regard to the CEU requirement, the Board ordered Respondent to complete the 12 hours of CEUs in the areas of supervision and record keeping.

9. Under the Final Order, Respondent was required to submit verification of successful completion of 12 hours of CEUs in the content areas of supervision and record keeping by May 12, 2010.

10. As of August 26, 2010, Respondent had not submitted verification that he had completed any of the 12 hours of CEUs as required by the Final Order.

11. Respondent did not respond to the allegations in writing until January 28, 2011. In addition to a letter, Respondent included a printout from CEU Broker and CE Unit that he indicated verified his compliance with the Board's order. Specifically, Respondent points to two courses taken over the internet on May 3, 2009: an eight hour supervision course, and a two hour prevention of medical errors course.

12. Respondent states in his January 28, 2011, response that "the requirement of Record Keeping is subsumed under the course Prevention of Medical Errors." Respondent states he later realized this may not be sufficient, so on January 28, 2011, Respondent took a three hour record keeping course online.

12. Respondent did not obtain specific authorization from the Board to take home study courses i.e. online courses to satisfy the Board's final order in this matter. Respondent has not taken any live continuing education courses to satisfy the final order as contemplated and required.

13. Moreover, Respondent was required to take 12 hours of CEUs in addition to that normally required for license renewal. Prevention of Medical Errors is required for license renewal and thus, does not count toward the CEUs needed to satisfy the final order.

14. Section 490.009(1)(t), Florida Statutes (2010), provides that violating a rule of the board or department or violating an order of the board or department previously entered in a disciplinary hearing constitutes grounds for disciplinary action by the Board of Psychology.

15. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated Section 490.0009(1)(t), Florida Statutes (2010), by violating an order of the board previously entered in a disciplinary hearing when he failed to timely complete 12 hours of CEUs in the areas of supervision and record keeping and submit verification of completion and content to the Board within one year of the filing of the Final Order, where the CEUs were to be in addition to those CEUs normally required for renewal of Respondent's license and the CEUs were not to be home study or online courses.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board enter an order imposing one or more of the following penalties: suspension of Respondent's license, restriction of practice, imposition of an administrative fine, issuance of a reprimand, placement of Respondent on probation, corrective action, refund of fees billed or collected, continuing education and/or any other relief that the Board deems appropriate.

SIGNED this 27th day of May, 2011.

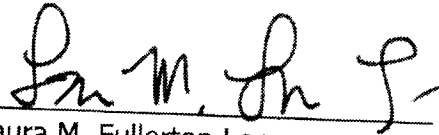
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